THE LAST STRAW.

An Incident from Chicago Showing How "Tempel Finkenbinder, it is time to get

Afar in the east the gray dawn of a frosty November morning had faintly impressed itself on the reluctant and unresponsive horizon, and the darkly frowning sky bad begun to look as if it felt streaked with premonitions of a coming day that should reveal everything it had been trying to hide. No sound stirred the sluggish atmosphere save the harsh, fuzzy, perfunctory had the asthma or found it hard work to achieve the proper pucker on account of the cold, and would not have whistled anyhow if it hadn't been compelled to do It by the regulations of the soulless corpor-ation it was a rking for.

"Lemuel Fingenbinder, it is time for us so get up! I have told you so five or six

"Er-yan-ab-heigh-er-um" responded Mr. Finkenbinder vaguely. "What is it, Fan? And with a soft snore he relapsed into

'Yab-ah"_

"Get up! It's time you were building the She shook him and shouted in his ear again, but he felt not the jerking and her

voice sounded like the soft murmur of the waves that wash the shore of the land of Again he wandered down the happy valley, hand in hand with his heart's idol, as of old. The gentle breezes sighed through the trees above their heads, and the grassy carpet beneath their feet waved to and fr Ir fantastic billows, as if stirred by the wings of passing fairies. Again he looked into the melting blue eyes, in whose soft answering glances he read the story of trusting girlhood's deep and fearless devo-tion, and his heart swelled with pride and

joy.

"Er-ah-what-wha"-

"Lemuel Finkenbinder, wake up!" 1-what are you doing?" "I'm shaking you. Are you going to get

Back from falryland came Lemuel Finkenbinder-not all at once, but by joks and

He opened his eyes His cherished wife, the partner of his joys, sharer of his sor-rows, loving caterer to his gastronomical whims and disbursing agent of his tress ury department was trying to push him out of bed juto the cold, cold air that came

freely in through the open window. He sat up in bed. A full realization of his dignity as a man, his position as head of the Finkenburder family, its champion, bulwark and defender came upon him. Memories of the past, with its errors of judgment, or assions of duty, and overt acts and transgressions for which he could find no adequate excuse rose vividly before him. It was not too late to shake off lethargy, assert his manhood and vindicate

'Fan," he said with iron firmness, as he lay down again and composed himself to slumber, "if you want that blamed old fire built you get 'p and build it yourself."-Chicago Tribune.

Poets in Chicago.

The spirit of poetry moveth itself in Chicago. Whether it moveth itself aright is other question, of course. Here are three little cams w | ch yesterday's mail brought. They speak for themselves: THE BOY AND THE WIND.

A boy stood on the government pier Wishing to catch some fishes; He stooped L cough, The wind blew him off: He is now one of McGinty's visitors.

A boy stood in a barber ahop,
With a whistbroom in his fingers:
And all of a sudden there came a gust of wind,
And the whist blew through his fingers,

His hair froze stiff and twistless; The wind blew strong.

His bair is all cone. And he is now seeking advice from the Suther-

The second poetic spasm carries in its

title the cheering Lope that it can never be THE OLD MAN'S DIENG WORDS.

How the sun rose on that Morne Of those years long, long ago, How the shepard blow his horn

When the hevens were aglo. I was then bright and very gay, But the bliss has long gone by: I am now very old and gray And lay me down to die.

And my dying wishes are

Layed upon the cliffs That overlook the sea.

Place this hand on my Posare And this one toward the sky, And there in peace and comfort Let my dear old body lie.

We hope that this request, so soulfully and pathetically expressed may be complied with at once. The third production sustains the bigh literary standing of the

> THE SEA. I love to watch the rolling waves Foaming and tossing beneath me.
>
> I'm not afraid; how can I be,
>
> When I was brought up on the sea?

As one by one the mad waves come, And toss us against the rocks; They tosa us so roughly, and the captal a But still I'm not afraid.

This is not remarkable however. One who can perpetrate such a literary crime in cold blood should be able to scare a sea captain into hysterics, no matter how "gruffly" the old sea dog talks,-Chicag-

Lettuce Matured by Electricity. Among the bulletins of the agricultural experiment station of Cornell university is one that gives a very interesting account of some experiments made on plants with a view of determining the influence of the electric light upon their growth. To that end a greenhouse was divided into two equal parts by a tight board partition. On one side the plants are left to the ordinary conditions of growth, but on the other side the vegetation was treated to the sunlight by day and to the electric light by

The results of these experiments showed that the use of the electric light at night hastened the maturity of the plants, and the nearer they grew to the light the greater was the acceleration. Lettuce thus treated was sold two wreks earlier than its neighbors on the other side of the partition, alshough both were planted at the same time. Equally successful results were obtained with other vegetables -Philadelphia Record.

The Ragle Screams. American Official (in China)-This mob-

bing of missionaries must stop. Chinese Official—Huh! Whatee Melican glovement do 'bout it'

"Hark! Do you hear that terrible rum-Thatee earthquake. We havee many.

"Do you know, sir, what causes earth-quakes!"

'Me no sabe." "It's the American government testing Its big guns at Sandy Hook."-New York

The Little Blind God Plays Pranks Among the Actors.

LOVE ON THE STAGE THAT IS REAL Stuart Robson's Marriage to His Lead-

ing Woman, Lotta's Reported Engagement and the Romance of Marion Lea and Elwyn Mitchell-Jennie June's Daughter a New Made Bride.

The little blind god has gone on the stage, and his performances have been contrary to all theatrical rules. He has fired arrows at the hearts of actors and actresses



MRS. STUART ROBSON (MAY WALDRON). when every one else was throwing flowers at their feet, and has generally deported himself in a way that may be Characterized as wholly unprofessional. But his victims

Stuart Robson has married May Waldron, and Marion Lea has stopped study-ing Ibsen long enough to learn the lines of the wedding service. Lotta is said to be on the brink of matrimony's joyful abyss, and Vida Croly has already taken the plunge. And these are only a part of the knights and ladies of the theater whose lives have been affected by Cupid's invasion of their temple.

The marriage of Mr. Robson and Miss Waldron was not wholly unexpected, Ever since the beginning of the season it has been noticed that the comedian looked after the handsome girl at the herd of the fair ones in his company with m 'e solici-tude than is ordinarily displayed by a star toward his leading woman, and that there seemed to be an understanding between them of a far from unpleasant nature. Mr. Robson has been known ever since he became famous in conjunction with William H. Crane as one of the few actors with domestic tastes. His first wife died about two years ago. They had been married



MRS. ELWYN MITCHELL (MARION LEA). And the whist blew through his fingers.

A boy took a bath in the lake one cold winter's

The new Mrs. Robson is a strikingly handgroom's figure isn't exactly imperial, but that doesn't matter. Her real name before her marriage was Mary Waldron Dougherty, and she is the daughter of a well known New York newspaper man. For four of her twenty-seven years she has been leading woman in the company of her

present husband. Rumor had it at first that Lotta was married too; but this was finally shaved down to the statement that she is only en-Mr. Douglass Shirley, of Louisville, is a very lucky man, for not only is his fiancee a charming little woman, bright, well educated and refined, but she is a rich little woman too. I fancy Lotta weighs about 100 pounds. If she does she has about \$3,000 for every pound she weighs. There have been many rumors in the past that the petite Miss Crabtree (that is Lotta's real name) contemplated matrim in 1888 intimating that her leading man. Cyrille Scott, was the chosen person-but all have come to paught. The present story, however, seems to have firm founds



Marion Lea, news of whose marriage comes to us from London, is a Philadel-phia girl by birth and breeding, though she has done most of her work as actress abroad. Her husband, Elwyn Mitchell, is also a native of the Quaker City. He is a son of the famous Dr. Weir Mitchell and shows evidences that he has inherited much of the literary ability which has disings are plays and everything indicates that theirs is a union of genius which will help them both to realize their high ambitions. Their love began when they were children and has never faltered. The bride's choice of setling as a profession was brought about for the purpose of retrieving the family fortunes, a course made necessary by her father's business failure. She is a bright woman, a brave woman and a beautiful woman. Her most notable achievement on the stage was the recent production of a series of Ibsen's plays, in conjunction with Elizabeth Robins, an-

London. Both bride and groom are to be heartily congratulated.

Vida Croly, who married Frederick W. Sidney the other day, is a very clever little actress, which is not at all surprising when one knows that she is a daughter of many workmen Mrs. J. C. Crolv, the writer, known the

other American girl who has won fame in

country over as "Jenny June." Her hus band is more or less well known as a dramatic writer and manager

SULLIVAN'S WHISKERS.

They Are of the Mutton Chop Variety and Look Fierce. John L. Sullivan and his whiskers attracted a great deal of attention in this country on their arrival from Australia,

and numerous derial and otherwise, bave been published of the famous pugilist before taking and after taking the whisker treatment. The illustration in this article represents Mr. Sullivan as he appeared the San Francisco

after his some. SULLIVAN WITH WHISKERS what disastrous tour of Australia, with love for America in his heart, denunciation of the kangaroo land on his lips and English muttonchop whiskers on his cheeks. It is said the winds of the Pacific ocean dealt very gently with the steamer Ala-meds, which brought John L. and his hirsute adornments from the antipodes, all of which showed commendable prudence on the part of the winds.

Now that Sullivan has challenged Frank P. Slavin to meet him next fall in the ring, and now that Slavin has shown a very antogether in one of the most notable pugilistic contests of recent years. The purse will without doubt be the largest ever offered for a fight, and if Sullivan endeavors to get even with Australia by pummeling her champion, the proceedings will be very interesting to both the sporting public and

Yacht Designer Nat Herreshoff. No naval architect has been more talked about of late than Nathaniel G. Herreshoff,

Gloriana and other world famous vachts. He comes of a family that has made its presboat building business of America for over a century. There have been many geniuses in the family, but Nathaniel, or Nat, as he is better

known, seems destined to surpass NAT G. HERRESHOFF. them all. He was born in 1848, and from the early age of two years showed a marked love for the sea. Before he wore long trou-sers he was an excellent helmsman.

He was carefully educated at the Insti-tute of Technology and became very well informed in mathematics and physics. He then perfected his knowledge of the steam by a seven years' service at the Corengine used by the Herreshoffs has been of his design. Meanwhile he has designed yacht after yacht, and has combined his engineering and boatbuilding knowledge in attempts to make the swiftest yachts affort. The idea of the famous Gloriana came to him in 1883, and while he was a long time in working it out, the result caused a tremendous sensation in the yachting world.

Captain Andrews' Flying Dutchman. Captains William A. Andrews and Jo-



THE PLYING DUTCHMAN

nounce that next May they will attempt to cross the Atlantic in cockleshells even maller than those they raced in last June. Then they used fifteen foot dories, but next craft will be named the Christopher Co-lumbus, while that of Andrews will take the name of Marryat's novel, the Flying Dutchman.

Andrews will leave New York and Lawlor will sail from St. Johns, N. F. The race last June was won by Lawlor in fortyfive days. Andrews had bad luck, was

Francis Wilson's Big Project. It is said that Francis Wilson will proquickest established with the present gen-Myrtle Point West Oregonian

rhymes: Polly put the kettle on, We'll all have tea. We'll all have tea. Sukey take it off again, etc., etc.

How happy I could be with either Were l'other dear charmer away, But while ye thus tease me together, To neither a word I will say. are said to have first appeared among its

clever and "catchy" lines. The recent American Cyclist-New York Sun relay race between Hartford and New York was an interesting wheeling event. The distance, 136 miles, was covered in Sh. was unanimously voted to be the warm-7m. There were only ten relays, but two est of the season—hot enough to parboil delivery of the message sent.

The Medical Record describes a new heat.-Yankee Blade. treatment for promoting the growth of the hair, which is said to have been tried with almost uniform success in France. A num ber of patients were subjected to intrader mic injections of corrosive sublimate in strength of two to five hundred, and the tinguished his family. The tastes of the growth of hair over the bald spots was young couple are congenial, for his writ- more rapid than after other modes of treatment. A variety of vehicles were experimented with, and it was found that an aqueous solution was the best. Several injections of not more than five or six

> Taking a Mean Advantage. A confectioner of Tulare, Cal., agreed to sell to a stranger all the candy be could eat for ten cents. To the consternation of the dealer, the saccharine glutton ate three pounds and then stopped, not because he had enough, but because the dealer would not let him take a drink of water and go

> when nickel plating came in. Now they plate with nickel buttons, stoves and steam engines, and all this gives employment to

Badical Euglish Pashious Don't Go. The recent refusal to sanction with

the customary prompt enthusiasm several of the most radical changes in the regime that have been made of late years by London swells has had a decidedly discomfiting effect upon our English cousins. Their confidence of leadership has received naturally a severe shock in consequence. From all accounts the London swell mob is passing through a period of experimentalism. As a result men's fashions abroad have not been so

unsettled in fifty years. The heavy swells continue groping simlessly after the elusive innovation. For their independence at this time, therefore, Americans have cause for self congratulation-the more particularly so on account of the very divergent character of some of the foreign ultra speculations. Advanced copies of the recent London fads in coats and top coats, had they been tried suddenly on the New York public, would have created almost a riot in the streets. The English swell, be it known, can dress him self up as his toncy dictates and the yeomanry makes no outcry.

Now that we have thrown off the shackles of slavish emulation and blithely accept or reject what we want, or what does not appeal to the sense of the fitness of things, the English fashion framer will come down from his oracular eminence and in the future pose with parent intention of doing so, the world's ameliorated despotism in the light of greatest heavyweights will doubtless come guide, philosopher and friend. I am aware that the sentiments above set forth would have been regarded a few years ago as rank heresy, but they verify the aphorism of Erer Rabbit that "the world do move."-Clothier and

An Ingenious Prisoner.

It is seidom that a convict turns the hours of his enforced confinement to such good purpose as an inmate of a Maryland prison. His term of imprisonment is thirteen years, on a conviction of horse stealing, of which he insists he was innocent. By working overtime he has earned such sums of money as to enable him to purchase books, of which his cell contains over 200. A short time ago, when electric light wires were being placed in the prison, he became interested in electricity and bought some standard works on the subject. The result was the construction of half a dozen different electrical appliances, including a burglar alarm, which he has just completed for the bedroom of the warden of

Another result of his industry is a lock which is so arranged that hammering on it drives the bolts deeper into their fastening. He exhibited a model of this lock to the warden, who was so pleased with it that it was at once adopted for use in the prison. Castings for the locks liss works, Providence, and since 1875 every | were made in the prison foundry, a lathe was set up in the prisoner's cell and he was relieved of all other tasks so that his entire time could be devoted to the manufacture of his locks, with which in a short time all the dormitories of the prison will be provided.-Exchange,

Against the Insurance Company. A merchant who was a member of a mutual accident insurance association was killed, while hunting for recreation. from an accidental shot. The associastah W. Lawlor, the ocean dory racers of tion provided for the payment of sums ranging from \$5,000 to \$500, according to the occupation of the member. Merchants' certificates call for \$5,000; but the company paid the beneficiaries of the man in question only \$500, on the receiving an injury while engaged temporarily in another occupation more hazardous than the one given in his cer-tificate, he shall be entitled only to such Thes sum as provided for in the occupation in in which he is engaged at the time of

The Illinois supreme court held that no one is exempt from this failing. the beneficiaries were entitled to the in the bylaw has reference to trade, vocation or profession, and does not preclude a member from the performance of acts which are simply incidents con-May they will brave the briny deep in nected with the daily life of men in all twelve foot canvas boats. Lawlor's tiny pursuits.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Amusement for the Baby.

Mr. Waldrige surprised his baby Sunday night. He didn't intend to surprise it; he intended to amuse. He had been to church, and on reaching home drew his revolver from his pocket to put it capsized several times and gave up in mid- away. Baby reached for the weapon. ocean. If the daring navigators survive, If baby wanted it, baby must have it, so they will pose as freaks at the World's fair. papa took out the cartridges-every one of them-and then to show baby how to operate the toy, he pulled the trigger. That was where the baby was surprised! ttis said that Francis Wilson will pro-duce a sumptuous revival of "The Beggar's Opera" in New York this winter. A cen-papa shoot the cook stove on a quiet tury and a half ago this opera was brought
Sunday night with an unloaded revolver,
out in London, and it became so popular
when the cook stove was quietly pursuthat ladies had the songs embroidered on ing its vocation and digesting hard wood their fans. Perhaps its identity can be at the rate of an armful an hour .-

It Was Hot.

Some wretch, who evidently delights to see mankind sweltering in perspiration, played a rascally practical joke on about two hundred passengers who were in the waiting room of the Staten Island ferry. For some reason, the arrival of the long expected boat was delayed; the crowd was therefore large, and as the night was intensely warm, the atmes phere in that close room was not only enervating, but distressing. The weather men composed each relay to insure the safe a Hottentot. It was then discovered that the Turkish butn temperature had been caused by a practical joker, who Corrosive Sublimate as a Hair Producer, had unfeelingly turned on the steam

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Opinions have differed us to the cause of the swelling and pain resulting from a at or mosquito bite. Some have maintained in accordance with what has always een the popular belief, that effects of such magnitude could not be produced without the introduction of a poisenous fluid, though they have failed to show that any apparatus exists which would be capable

of completely fulfilling such a function, Though this poisonous fluid is itself con jectural, a purpose has been assigned to it, namely, that of rendering the blood more liquid, so that it may the more easily be sucked up. And that some such function would have to be assumed is tolerably cer-tain, since the poison could hardly be regarded merely as an implement of offense, and consequently an advantage to its pos

It seems scarcely open to question that, apart from some such function for the poison as above, the insects could far more easily obtain the blood they covet and far less precautions would be taken against them if they did not produce any painful results and thus rouse the hostility of their victims, and that, therefore, from that point of view, a poison could not be an advantage. If, therefore, a poison exists, its function must undoubtedly be to facilitate the drawing of the blood and not to serve

as a weapon.

Influenced by the anatomical difficulties above mentioned, other observers have maintained that no poisonous fluid is injected, but that the laceration of tissues produced by the six minute, acutely point ed and in some cases barbed organs which constitute the borer is sufficient to account for the inflammation and itching. This hypothesis, again, is not without objection. It would appear that the insect sometimes experiences difficulty in getting at the blood it desires, for deep perforations of the skin may be made without drawing blood, and then no swelling occurs and little pain is felt. This certainly appears a formidable difficulty in the way of the latter explanation,-Knowledge.

The Best of Hunters Get Lost. Stories are told of guides who have dropped sticks into streams to find which way they were flowing, and when the sticks went in a different direction from what they thought was right, disregarding their plain testimony and avowing that the stream was running up hill.

Other stories are told of hunters who depths of tangled swamps with compastrength of a provision that any member | picked to pieces because they would not point the way the bewildered man thought they should, and so were plainly out of These stories, though individually unre-

liable, bear witness to a general truth. The talking of the queer pipe, but Officer Hul fact is, that it is the easiest thing in the world under certain circumstances to become "turned around" in the woods, and Old hands know and understand this watch over it. The pipe was made, it is whole \$5,000, as the word "occupation" fact. It is only the tyros who do not, and said, by an old negro who lived years ago PAID UP CAPITAL. who ridicule those who own up to having on the Bladen-burg road, and was pre-

> out of ten there comes a night when they Then there is rejoicing among those who have borne their arrogance, for it is the turn of these to crow, and they who laugh

in a flat, wooded country with the sun obbest woodsman is ant to lose his way. Under less unfavorable conditions the same thing often happens from preoccupation. Interest in hunting or fishing drives away all thought of one's course till suddenly he is rudely aroused to find that he is in an unfamiliar wilderness with no notion of the way out .- Forest and Stream.

n. C. Tyler, of Highlandville, Mass., ta rapidly coming to the front as a crack He now holds the world's half mile Tyler's time is 1m. 6s. record was formerly held by A. A. Zim-

The Pointo with the Iron Mask. J. T. Choate, Esq., showed us this morning a veritable curiosity taken from the ground by his father while digging; potatoes on his place. It was a heel iron from a lady's boot, through the center bole of which had grown a potato. The iron was nearly in the center, and on each side was a growth nearly large snough to hide the iron, which formed a metallic collar around the center of it. -Amesbury Cor. Newburyport News.





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into the woods themselves, nine times out charms he had succumbed. The girl was arrested, and when searched the pipe was found in her pocket. After it had passed through the arresting officer's and the station keeper's hands she refused to receive it back, saying that tle "charm" was lost since a white man's hand had touched it. Her reason for believ scured and no compass to guide him the ing this was that the old negro had warned her never to let a white man even look at It, and if she did she would have had luck and finally fall into the hands of the "night doctors." So strongly did the girl believe this that when released she went out of

sented by him to a colored girl to wi

the station sobbing. Strange as it may appear, the girl disap peared from home within a few days, and has never been heard of since. Whether or not her body ever reached the dissecting table no one can say. Whatever became of the old man is not known, but he disap peared, evidently not at the hands of "night doctors," because his personal effects disappeared at the same time.

This story reached the ears of Officer Thompson, and he determined to fall heir to the queer pipe and he did it. It is said that since he began smoking it he has had perfect health. This, perhaps, is the only pipe of the kind in existence, and there are few men who could be found who would smoke it. - Washington Post.

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